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- 25X1X 1. On 20 or 21 January 1953, the Central Committee of the North Korean Labor Party issued a 16-page secret letter to each myon party committee and occupational party¹ with more than 100 members. A summary of the letter is as follows:
- The Korean truce talks are almost broken off.
 - The United States is concentrating its efforts to increase the military power in Korea. In order to accomplish this end, the South Korean forces are being increased to 2 million men; President Rhee visited Prime Minister YOSHIDA to discuss using Japanese troops in the Korean war; and Eisenhower visited Formosa to talk over bringing Chinese Nationalists into the Korean war.
 - North Korea faces an emergency. The following enemy operations are taking place: South Korean landing boats crowd many beaches; heavy parachute training is going on; and many spies are entering North Korea. These actions are a clear indication that the United Nations will attempt an advance by sea or air, since they realize the futility of a direct front-line attack.
2. The letter was concluded by outlining the tasks for party members, with the major theme as follows: All party members must prepare for a possible large-scale attack by increased military training, greater internal security, and higher motivation.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. Party committees in various vocations may be meant.

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